

Today's
Advertisements.

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Dated this 9th day of December, 1898.
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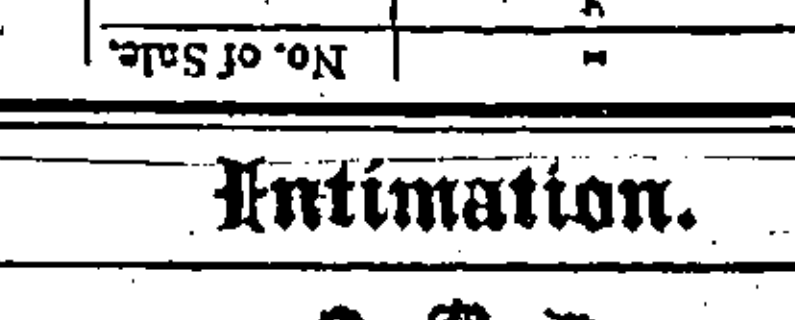
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DEATH.

At Shanghai, on the 4th of December, 1898,
GEORGE RICHARD CORNER, aged 62 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Reuter's Telegram which we publish to-day, taken in conjunction with yesterday's, goes far to show that all trouble with France over the Egyptian question is not at an end. The Fashoda difficulty has been settled, but still, according to the Times, the French refuse to admit the claims of England and Egypt to the basin of the Nile, and if this is the case the words of warning uttered by Lord Salisbury in his memorable speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet on the 11th ultimo would appear to be amply justified. This indeed appears to be the only reasonable way in which the speech of Sir Edmund Monson at the banquet of the British Chamber of Commerce in Paris can be accounted for. His words cannot be construed otherwise than as a warning to France, and it is out of the question to suppose that an Ambassador of Sir Edmund's standing would go so far as to make this appeal to French statesmen on his own initiative.

The French papers stated at the time of the settlement of the Fashoda difficulty that England's attitude as regards France would long rankle in the national mind, and now Sir Edmund's speech appears calculated to add to their ill feeling for the British. The French press rejoices at the absence of any reference to special interests with Great Britain in the speeches of the German Emperor and President McKinley, and this may lead them to show a more stubborn front over the question of our claims to the Nile basin than they would have done had an agreement between Germany, the United States and England been definitely stated to have been arrived at. Of course the present little contretemps may have no especial significance, but at the same time it savours strongly of the commencement of a further period of strained relations with France and we shall not be surprised at seeing another war scare arise from it.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

OPENING OF THE GERMAN REICHSTAG.
London, December 8th.

The Emperor William at the opening of the Reichstag announced Bills for the increase of the Army and for the prevention of terrorising workmen who are willing to work.

FRANCE AND SIR E. MONSON'S
RECENT SPEECH.

Sir E. Monson's speech is deeply resented in France, as a violation of diplomatic usage.

GREAT BRITAIN, EGYPT, AND FRANCE.

The Times believes that the French are stubbornly refusing to admit the claim of Egypt and Great Britain to the basin of the Nile, and that this is the origin of Sir E. Monson's warning.

The French Papers are delighted at the absence of any references to the Emperor of Germany and President McKinley's speeches to special interests with Great Britain.

THE SIRDAR RETURNS TO EGYPT.

Lord Kitchener, the Sirdar of the Egyptian Army has started for Egypt.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 10th at 11.45. The barometer continues to fall slowly on the China coast where pressure is now slightly below the normal. Gradients moderate to slight with fresh monsoon on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—moderate N.E. winds; fine.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. and O. Co. advise us, but too late to allow of their advertisement being altered that the s.s. Paramatta, will leave for Shanghai at noon to-morrow.

A MEETING of the European staff at the Royal Naval Yard was held the other evening for the purpose of making arrangements for a ball. A committee was formed and the programme decided upon but the date has not yet been definitely fixed.

THE concert given by the Royal Engineer Variety Club last Saturday and Monday being so much appreciated, the Committee have been asked to reproduce it again next Saturday, the 17th inst., for the benefit of those who were unable to obtain seats. We understand that the same sketch will be put on but the variety turns will be slightly altered.

THE following is the programme of music to be played by the band of the Hongkong Regiment to-morrow afternoon on the seafront at Kowloon:—

March—"King Cotton" Sousa

March—"Soldiers' Lullaby" Strauss

March—"The Goodbye Song" Sullivan

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THE "DOSING" TRAGEDY.

THE FIRST DAY'S EVIDENCE.

CANTON, December 8th.

The following is a detailed report of the evidence taken on the first day of the trial at Canton of Capt. R. Toulmin for the shooting of Cheng Lei San, comrade of the American steamer Dosing at Wuchow:—

Thomas S. Woods said—I am a merchant and have had the management of the Dosing on the voyage from Hongkong on July 31st and the deceased was the comrade. The Dosing arrived at Wuchow, where I was residing, on the early morning of the 7th of July. In the morning I received some information from the Harbour Master that I had better go on board the Dosing as there had been some trouble there. I could not go on board until the afternoon, when the accused complained that the comrade had not locked his boy up for having disobeyed him. I sent for the comrade, and asked him why he had not done what the captain had ordered him to do. He replied that it was not for him to lock the boy up; but I told him he should obey the captain's orders, tight or wrong. I then told the accused that I had agreed to some soldiers being taken up the West River. The accused objected to this, saying it might cause him to lose a situation in Hongkong. Subsequently he agreed, and accompanied me to my office and sent a telegram off to Hongkong. We went on board again at about three o'clock and found Mr. Randal there as a passenger. At about eight, after dinner, I went asleep. I was awakened by Mr. Randal at about ten o'clock, when the vessel was at anchor. I went on deck and saw the comrade sleeping in a chair on the forecastle head. Captain Toulmin said he did not see why a Chinaman should be using a chair while I stood. I told him it did not matter; that I did not want it; and that it was not my chair anyhow. After this conversation I went over to the comrade, who got up from the chair, and said that the chair belonged to him and that he had bought it with his own money, but that if the captain had asked him for it civilly he would have let him have it. The captain said he would throw the chair overboard and attempted to do so. I put my foot on it, saying it would be a pity to throw the chair overboard for so small a matter. The captain insisted that the chair was his and the comrade insisted that the chair was his. There was a slight struggle between the two. I did not see any blows struck, but they pushed one another about. A few moments afterwards, while they were talking in an excited way, the captain put his hand into his right hand pocket and brought out a revolver and fired. The ball went very wide—several feet past Lei San. After the first shot I tried to snatch the revolver out of the captain's hand, but a second shot was fired and it went through my hand, breaking one of the bones. This blood spurted into my eyes. I called out, "D—you; you've shot me," and Mr. Randal came over to me and attempted to staunch the bleeding. He then took me into the cabin and bound up my hand. Above five minutes afterwards the accused came into the cabin. Subsequently the captain came on deck with a Winchester in his hand. Mr. Randal took it from him.

Mr. Melbourne then examined witness as to the capital of his firm and other matters connected with his business.

Witness further cross-examined said—Before we left Wuchow the crew was unsatisfactory. This is what the captain said. The accused said his boy had attempted to throw him overboard, that he had stolen the money he had given him to buy food, that the comrade had refused to lock him up, and that he had conspired at his escape. Between three o'clock and dinner I had four drinks and Captain Toulmin had twice as much. I was not under the influence of drink myself at the time, but the captain gave me the impression that he had been drinking for some days. The captain said the comrade had a revolver in his hand and he was trying to take it away from him when the comrade shot him.

Dr. Macdonald gave evidence as to seeing the dead body of a Chinaman on the vessel and also as to having treated the wound in Mr. Wood's hand. Witness reported the matter to the British Consul and suggested that the soldiers on board should be removed by the Consul. Witness said that accused denied shooting the deceased but he said the comrade only got what he deserved and that he was sorry Mr. Woods had been shot. On the afternoon of the 8th July I made a post mortem examination of the Chinaman. I found one wound at the angle of the jaw on the left side which apparently had been made by a bullet. There was no aperture of the bullet I should say the bullet was to be found in the right hemisphere of the brain. I satisfied myself that the wound had caused death.

He remembered Captain Toulmin saying there was an incipient mutiny on board and that an attempt had been made to push him over the ship's side by one of the crew. He had an impression that Captain Toulmin was perfectly willing either to go ashore himself and report the matter or that either should do so.

Kwok Hum said—I am a West River pilot. I joined the Dosing on October 26th, last year. I remember the captain having a dispute with his boy in the afternoon of July 7th some soldiers came on to the steamer. In addition to the crew there were three foreigners on board—the captain, Mr. Woods, and another. At night o'clock in the evening we anchored. I told the captain it was too dark to go to anchor. The captain said "Large" words at me. Then I went to the comrade, who told me to anchor. Later on I was awakened by a shot from a revolver coming from where the captain was. I saw something in the captain's hand. After the first shot I lay down and covered my head; and I heard two more shots. I then looked about and I saw the comrade lying down.

Wang Chai said—I am chief engineer of the Dosing, which I joined last year. We reached Wuchow about ten o'clock in the morning of July 7th. I was called up to check at eight o'clock. I saw the captain on deck. He had been quarrelling with his boy and was holding his gun; I saw the captain strike the boy and also make him kowtow. The body was completely in the power of the captain. The captain tried to put the boy into the dining room, but the boy got away and got into a sampan. The captain then went into his room and when he came out he pointed a revolver at the sampan but he did not fire. After this a foreigner and four Chinese came on board. The

foreigner spoke to the captain and then went back to his sampan. After that the captain scolded the comrade. I came out of the engine-room at eight o'clock, when the steamer was anchored. I went on to the fore-castle deck about half-past eight. I saw no one else there. I was awake before the first shot was fired. I was awakened by a noise which came from the captain. The first thing I saw when I awoke was the captain fire the first shot. Then I wrapped up my head and heard two more shots. Then ran down below from where I could hear the comrade groaning.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.
CANTON, December 9th.

The trial of Captain Toulmin was resumed this morning at the U.S. Consulate before Consul General H. R. Williams, assisted by Consul General Goodenough and four associates, Messrs. E. B. Ward, J. J. Lousier, H. K. Shumaker and J. S. Murray.

Mr. Britton appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Melbourne for the defence.

Considerable interest was taken in the proceedings, the Court being practically full with men of various nationalities.

Wang Chang, chief engineer of the Dosing, who gave evidence yesterday, was called for cross-examination. Nothing of importance was elicited from the witness by Mr. Melbourne.

A considerable waste of time was occasioned by the Chinese interpreter who interpreted in a very slipshod manner, and the proceedings were, consequently, dreary and monotonous. The Court got over the difficulty by calling upon Rev. Thwing, who was present, to act as interpreter.

Young Wal, cautioned, said—I was assistant comrade of the Dosing in July. I recollect the 10th day of the 5th month. I got up at 6 o'clock that morning. At 8 o'clock the Captain came on board and beat him several times and made him kowtow. The boy struggled somewhat and the Captain tried to throw him into the room. At the end the boy got away and went on board a sampan. After that the Captain went back to his own room. He came out of his room with a revolver in his hand. He pointed it at the sampan but did not fire. The Captain then went on the bridge and gave some order in English which I did not understand. At this point a custom's boat came up with an Englishman who spoke for a few minutes with the Captain and then went away. That was all I saw in the morning. At two o'clock the "braves" came on board and the boat started at four o'clock. Soon after eight o'clock the comrade took a blanket on deck to sleep. I went up with the comrade and I slept on his left. We were on the right side of the forecastle. I was awakened by the Captain calling for the comrade, and Mr. Woods came forward and called Li Shang, the comrade. Li Shang arose in a sitting posture and spoke a few words with Mr. Woods. After this the Captain also came forward. The Captain spoke a few words with the comrade which I did not understand. After the Captain had spoken a few words I heard three reports of a revolver. At the second report I saw Mr. Woods put his hand and at the third report the Captain fired the shot. I saw the Captain raise his hand and I saw one flash from the direction of his hand and heard three reports. I did not see any struggle. When the Captain first came up he grasped the comrade's chair and tried to pull it. Then the comrade rose and it was at this point that the Captain and the comrade had a few words. As soon as the comrade fell down, I got up and held the comrade. I heard some guttural noise and then I was quiet and the comrade came down. There was a fraction of a minute between the first and second shots and the second shot was fired precisely fired together. After I laid the comrade down a preacher (foreigner) felt his heart and said that he was dead. The comrade fell on his face, towards the bow. After the three shots Mr. Woods returned to the bridge, the Captain following; the preacher remained with the body.

By one of the associates—There was no difference between the Captain and the comrade until this incident of the boy. The comrade told me that the Captain had scolded him for not locking the boy up.

By the Court—The comrade had no revolver that night and was not in the habit of carrying one.

Tung Chu Tse said—I am employed in the Imperial Maritime Customs at Wuchow as boat examiner. I remember the Dosing being at Wuchow on the 10th day of the 5th month. I went on board that morning about seven. I saw the boy come out of his room and go to the Captain, who was coming out of his room. The first I saw was the boy going into the Captain's room and then the Captain came out and the Captain followed and held him by the arm. I did not see the commencement of the struggle. I saw the Captain to let go but he would not and he grasped the boy by the arm and pulled it very strongly. At last the boy got away and the Captain went into his room and the boy went into a boat. The Captain then came out holding a revolver which he pointed at the sampan. The Captain recognized the sampan as No. 6. By that time the sampan went away and the Captain went back to his room.

Benjamin Carter, Randal, sworn, said—I am in the employ of the British and Foreign Bible Society as sub-agent. I boarded the Dosing on the afternoon 7th July. There were some parcels on board and I went to get them. I noticed a large number of Chinese soldiers on board and I asked the owner, Mr. Woods, the reason why he had these soldiers on board and he said that he was taking them to Tong-yeen. He persuaded me to go up with him and I agreed. We left shortly after I went on board and proceeded up the river. Darkness then came on and it was decided to anchor. Mr. Woods and myself were at dinner. Captain Toulmin refused to eat and he said that he had had some trouble with one of the hands on board. (I understood it was the waiter-boy) and that he would not eat anything on board until he arrived at Hongkong. He did not say he was afraid to eat. Mr. Woods offered him the food which we were then eating but he refused. We demonstrated with him and told him that it would be several days before he got to Hongkong and he said he could stand it. Captain Toulmin said he would take a drink and he took whiskey. I saw him take several drinks, probably three or four. He was walking up and down and I saw him stop several times, take a drink, and continue to stop. The first time I had that we were to anchor was when Captain Toulmin told me about 8 p.m. that they were to anchor and said "That is the way they do things in this ship. They don't come to me for orders but do as they please." He also said something to the effect that he had stood it long enough and would put a stop to it there and then. Immediately afterwards Captain Toulmin went towards the right side where the pilot was and spoke to him. I supposed the pilot could not understand English and I went up to them. Captain Toulmin said to the pilot "Now, have you are going to anchor this ship. You don't anchor until I give you the orders. I am Captain of this ship and things have to go on as I order. If you do anchor without my order, I will kick you all over the ship. If you ground or strike a rock I will put a hole through your

Health of the Emperor.

Latterly the health of the Emperor is reported as decidedly improving, the medical attendants reporting daily his condition to the Empress Regent. At Rejoice he is said to speak but rarely, and never unless at the instigation of his aunt. He spends most of his time lying on his back on a long chair and occasionally smiling. Badly he is reported as now having recovered his strength. He is still prevented from having private audiences with his high ministers, the reply to every such application being he is not yet in a condition to sit up now. What it will come to is uncertain, but as Li Hongchang is now away, it is possible that under judicious pressure the Dowager might be persuaded to make from a scene which she has aggravated into a revolution. She is in person; she cannot persuade herself that she has succeeded in her counter revolution. She can, but the Empire but she cannot amend it.—S. D. Phil.

head. I did not have it this morning but I have it now, right here (tapping his coat pocket).

Immediately Li Shan ran up and told me that he had told the Captain that we had to anchor until the moon rose and that the Captain did not forbid it. Mr. Woods was asleep at the port-side of the bridge, abreast of the pilot house. After this conversation I thought it wise to wake up Mr. Woods as the Captain had acted very strangely since I went on board. Mr. Woods and the Captain had some conversation and then we all sat down. Then we called someone up to bring glasses for drinks. While we were sitting there were several drinks taken. From the time I went on board I considered that the Captain acted very peculiarly. I think Mr. Woods and the Captain drank a lot of whiskey between them. I did not consider that Mr. Woods was under the influence of liquor so as to put him out of his own control. The Captain acted peculiarly all the time I was on board. For instance he told me to interpret to the Captain of the troops that it would be a wise thing to put sentries round the ship as we were going through a hostile country. I considered that it was a very foolish thing as we were not in a hostile country and the Captain of the troops laughed at the idea.

Mr. Goodenough—Answer me yes or no. In your opinion, judging from the amount that you have seen drunk and from the action of the man, in your opinion was Captain Toulmin during that evening, July 7th, under the influence of liquor so as to put him out of his own control?

Witness—I consider that he was, from the time I went on board until the shots were fired.

Mr. Brillon—Don't consider that he knew what he was doing and what he was about?

Witness—I do know, then he must have known that he was doing foolish things. I do not doubt that he knew what he was doing. The Captain made some remark that it was not right for the owner of the ship to sit on the deck while there was another chair on board. The Captain finally said "I know who has got the chair; it is the comrade; he has let his room to the officers and is sitting on the chair on deck. I am going to have that chair." Mr. Woods said "Never mind the chair, I don't need the chair. I am going to sit on the chair." The Captain replied "I am not going to have a Chinese man sitting on the chair while there is a white man sitting on the chair." Mr. Woods remonstrated several times that there was no necessity for the chair as he was quite comfortable, the Captain said he would get the chair and called out to a Chinaman connected with the boat "You go and get that chair."

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Shortly afterwards Mr. Woods' boy came up and the Captain said to him "I want that chair, you go and get it and hurry up." I interpreted to the boy that if he knew where the chair was he had better go and get it. Mr. Woods also remonstrated that he didn't want the chair and the Captain said "I am going to have that chair; it belongs to Captain Sherman and in Captain Sherman putting me in charge he left it to me." Mr. Woods went over to the comrade and said something to the comrade who was reclining on the chair. The comrade replied "This chair doesn't belong to you and it doesn't belong to Captain Sherman I brought this chair; it is my own chair, but if Captain Toulmin will ask for the chair in a proper manner I will send it to him." Immediately thereafter the Captain, started forward to the fore-cabin head. As he went forward I noticed Li Shan rising from the chair. The Captain passed him and went to the head of the chair. Mr. Woods left the back part of the chair and put his foot on it and the Captain said something about throwing the chair overboard. Mr. Woods remonstrated, the Captain said to raise the chair, the Chinaman got hold of it. Mr. Woods was between the Chinaman and the Captain and at this time all three had hold of the chair. A very short scuffle ensued and a second or two after a pistol was fired. I know that the pistol was fired from the direction in which Captain Toulmin was standing. I saw Captain Toulmin raise his hand, I saw the flash apparently from his hand, and heard a report. Almost immediately after a second shot was fired from the same quarter. About two seconds intervening between the first and second shot. Almost at the same time as Captain Toulmin raised his hand, Mr. Woods also raised his left hand. Immediately following the second shot Mr. Woods shouted "Oh, my God! I am shot; I am shot." As soon as I heard this I went to assist him over the top gallant forecastle. As I approached him I saw a third shot fired. I saw the flash coming from the direction in which Captain Toulmin was standing. I ran forward to the top gallant forecastle and Mr. Woods was about the same point as myself when the third shot came to our feet. I assisted Mr. Woods down to the mess room. I didn't know what became of Captain Toulmin until he appeared in the mess room. So far as I know, the comrade never spoke. After Mr. Woods had taken some whiskey, he said something to this effect "Now Randall, I depend upon you to get me out of this." I asked him what he meant and he told me to take him to a doctor and to take charge of the ship. Captain Toulmin was present and heard what passed. I turned to Captain Toulmin and told him to go to his room. The Captain refused and said that he was commander of the ship and would take her back to Wanchow. I finally succeeded in getting him into his room. After he had reached the room I told him to stay there and cautioned him not to strike a match nor light a lamp and he would be safe. I told him that Chinese would not go into the dark and attack a desperate man. We had some conversation before I got him to his room. He refused to go and I said that he had already caused enough trouble as he was. Mr. Woods and my life. I finally took hold of the Captain and told him to go to his room and he said "Well, I will go," and then he went into his room. The Captain having promised that he would remain in the room I went out to see if there was any disturbance among the Chinese troops. I told the Commander of the troops, through an interpreter, that I held him responsible for the actions of his man. I also asked him if he preferred to go back on the ship as he wanted to go to the front by the mainland. He said he did not know the country and would prefer to go back. I saw several of the crew and told them that I had taken charge and that everything would be right if they obeyed orders. One of them asked me if the comrade was dead and I said I would see. I immediately went up and put my hand on the deceased and on returning told them that it was very hard to say as a man might appear to be dead but that there was any life in him a western doctor might save him, so I told them to get back to Wanchow as quick as possible. They asked me where the Captain was and I told them that he was in his room and would not come out. They then got up the anchor, turned about and proceeded back to Wanchow. I went back to the mess room and asked Mr. Woods if he did not prefer to go on deck where it was cooler. We went up and half an hour afterwards Captain Toulmin came up with a gun in his hand. I asked him why he had come up and he said that he was afraid to remain in the room as a Chinaman might kill him and throw him overboard and we know nothing about it. I told him that he was quite safe and below and that if he wanted to remain on deck he would have to give up the gun.

Mr. Goodenough—Answer me yes or no. In your opinion, judging from the amount that you have seen drunk and from the action of the man, in your opinion was Captain Toulmin during that evening, July 7th, under the influence of liquor so as to put him out of his own control?

Witness—I consider that he was, from the time I went on board until the shots were fired.

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At the monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, the 6th December. Present: Messrs. R. M. Gray, (Chairman), T. Jackson, A. McCulloch, H. A. Ritchie, N. A. Siebs, and R. C. Wilcox (Secretary).

MINUTES.
The Minutes of the last monthly Meeting (held 1st November) and of a Special Meeting (held 19th November) were read and confirmed.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER.
Read letter from Mr. Ho Amoi handing in the resignation of the On Tai Insurance Company, Limited.

The Chairman said he understood the Company was being voluntarily wound up.

THE WORKING OF THE POST OFFICE.
Since the despatch of the Chamber's reply to the offer of the Government to appoint three members of the Chamber to conduct an inquiry as to the working of the Post Office, further complaints had reached the Chamber, from Messrs. Melchers & Co., 3rd and 19th Nov.

Mr. H. G. Knight, R. E., 3rd Nov.
Messrs. Dodwell & Co., 9th Nov.
Messrs. W. C. Humphreys & Co., 9th Nov.
Rev. R. F. Cabbold, 22nd Nov.

A letter had been received from Mr. G. C. C. Master (Messrs. Johnson, Siebs, and Master), dated 24th Nov., asking the Committee to reconsider their decision with regard to the offer of the Government, and further requesting them to call a meeting of the members to discuss the question.

To this a reply was returned on the 18th inst., stating that the Committee adhered to their decision, and did not see the necessity for calling a general meeting of members, but they would issue a circular asking each member to record his individual opinion, and if it should prove that the majority were in favour of an investigation by the Chamber they would then ask the Government to kindly renew their offer.

The Secretary reported that the result of the issue of the circular had been that seventy of the members had recorded their opinions, as follows:—

Endorsement of action in favour of Mr. Master's suggestion, 19.
Two were neutral.

The large majority of members simply "endorsed" or "agreed with" the action of the Committee, but a number offered further observations, and these were read by the Chairman.

It was decided, in view of the assurance given in the Legislative Council by General Black, in the course of his late address, that he had forwarded recommendations to the Secretary of State which he believed would result in a great improvement of the Postal Service, to await events for the present.

THE PROPOSED WESTERN HARBOUR OF REFUGE.
After communication with Mr. Leigh, a letter was, on the 9th Nov. addressed to the Government in reply to the Colonial Secretary's despatch of the 22nd Oct., answering the questions therein contained categorically, and on the 1st Dec. an acknowledgment had been received to which His Excellency the Governor expresses regret that, "owing to the heavy expenditure which the work would involve, he was unable to present to the Committee a copy of the letter addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies that such an undertaking should be entered upon."

The Chairman said they could do no more at present in the matter, they had made the suggestion, and the work, which was a necessary one, would probably have to be undertaken sooner or later, when funds permitted.

THE CASE OF BANK OF CHINA & CO. (IN LIQUIDATION) v. CERTAIN CHINESE SHAREHOLDERS.

Read letter from the Shanghai Chamber referring to the judgment, recently delivered by the Taotai of Shanghai, in this case, on which the Chamber had addressed the British Minister at Peking, and begged the Hongkong Chamber would support their action.

Resolved to address a letter to Sir Claude Macdonald bespeaking his influence in inducing the Taotai Li Yamen to disallow the ruling of the Shanghai Taotai.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.
The Chairman proposed that Mr. Walter Potts (of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) be invited to fill the vacancy on the committee caused by the resignation of Mr. Herbert Smith.

Mr. Jackson seconded.
Carried unanimously.
This concluded the business.

(Continued.)
Hongkong, 14th November, 1898.
R. Chatterton Wilcox, Esq., Secretary, The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Dear Sir—As the Representative here of my firm, who are members of the Chamber of Commerce, I shall be glad if you Committee will reconsider the decision arrived at by them at their last Meeting held on the 1st inst., (a report of which appeared in the Daily Press of 9th inst.), with regard to the offer of the Government, as contained in the acting Colonial Secretary's letters to you of the 21st

